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(~~cancel~~) conduit, and the integral top surface on the tubular member has an aperture for engagement with the free end of the stem of the supporting member.

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In the Claims:

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<sup>A<sub>2</sub></sup> 1. (Amended) A coupling device for positioning a pair of electrical wire-carrying conduits to be supported by a supporting member capable of being secured to a structure above said coupling device, said supporting member comprising a stem having a free end portion, said coupling device comprising an integral tubular member having opposed axially aligned ends, each of said ends adapted to receive one end of one of the pair of mating conduits, and said tubular member having an integral top surface and an aperture through said top surface adapted to be engaged by the free end portion of said stem of said supporting member.

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18. (Amended) A coupling device as in claim 36 wherein said top surface is raised relative to the exterior surface of said tubular member.

<sup>A<sub>3</sub></sup> 19. (Amended) A coupling device as in claim 36 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said stem of said supporting member is externally matingly threaded at least at its free end for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.

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<sup>A<sub>4</sub></sup> 21. (Amended) A coupling device as in claim 36 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

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<sup>A<sub>5</sub></sup> 25. (Amended) A coupling device as in claim 36 wherein said stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

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~~Add~~ new claims 33-39 as follows:

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33. The coupling device of claim 1, wherein said free end of the stem of the supporting member is positioned within the confine of said tubular member in contact with said pair of conduits.

34. The coupling device of claim 1, wherein each of said ends of said tubular member is externally threaded for receiving said conduit.

35. The coupling device of claim 1, wherein each of said ends of said tubular member further having an opening through said tubular member, said opening is internally threaded to receive a set screw for securely positioning said conduit.

<sup>A<sub>6</sub></sup> 36. A coupling device for positioning a pair of electrical wire-carrying conduits to be supported by a supporting member capable of being secured to a structure adjacent said coupling device, said supporting member comprising a stem having a free end portion, said coupling device comprising an integral tubular member having a generally cylindrical wall surrounding an interior space and opposed axially aligned ends, each of said ends adapted to receive one end of

one of the pair of a mating conduit, and said tubular member having an aperture through said tubular wall into said interior space, said free end of said stem engaging said aperture to support said tubular member.

37. The coupling device of claim 1, wherein said aperture is generally perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said tubular member.

38. The coupling device of claim 1, wherein said supporting member is positioned above said aperture on said top surface of said tubular member.

39. The coupling device of claim 36, wherein said free end portion of said stem is positioned in said interior space of said tubular member sufficient to engage said ends of said conduits received at said opposite ends of said tubular member.

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